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Lapham reported that Snepp has taken the first steps necessary for the Supreme Court to hear his case. In respone to the DCI's query on where we stand re a revised Secrecy Agreement, Lapham explained the paper was on his desk and he would soon be forwarding a recommendation. The Director stressed to all the importance of maintaining a coordinated position in responding to the Sullivan article (attached) and asked Bowie to develop	<u>}</u>
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The Director commented on items of importance during the upcoming week. He will find out soon and report on the details of Ambassador Dobrynin's conversations with Secretary Vance re SALT. He noted also that we should stay alert to Brezhnev's health situation (ability to travel and to negotiate) and, at Brzezinski's suggestion, we should provide intelligence inputs (paper) on all matters that will be pertinent to a summit meeting. He noted that there will be another PRC meeting on Rhodesia—a topic that is broadening in scope; proposals now being considered on what the U.S. stand should be regarding Rhodesia's elections. He commented also on the Thatcher-Callaghan election situation, noting that the New York Times, in contrast to intelligence reporting, is saying that Margaret Thatcher will probably make her move for victory very soon. We need to stay very close to what is happening in this situation. (Action: D/NFAC)

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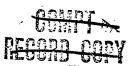
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Taylor reported that his office is "knee deep" in Agencywide development of the 1981 program. The Director raised the question of where we stand re the contingency reserve fund and how we should go about replenishing the fund which, at the moment, is also if we would lose 25X1 this amount at year end. Taylor explained that the "contingency reserve" is a no-year fund, i.e., the existing amount is carried from year to year. Taylor went on to describe the complexities currently involved in gaining replenishment up to the level (fund limit set by Congress). Not the least of several difficulties is Representative Burlison's negative views (stemming largely from the Angola crisis) on this reserve fund. Another problem to be tackled is to gain clarification and agreement from Congressional committees on the definition of "authorization" re the reserve fund. The Director stressed the importance of ironing out the difficulties and finding a way as soon as possible--immediately following the Congressional markup on the 1980 budget--to replenish the fund. He noted that we cannot afford to have a reserve well below our potential near-term need, especially at a time when Congress is becoming less hostile to our operational needs. He asked Taylor to work with Hitz and the DDCI on this. (Action: Comptroller) 25X1

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